

Gampel, Evan Graf, Rio Greenshields, Beatrice Lee, Chae Young Lee, Matthew Lee, Daniel Moon, Kyle Pacenza, Arpeet Patel, Emily Patunas, Madison Smith, Brooke Tommaney, Hannah Tracy, Heather Wang, David Acampora, Antonio Belmonte, Paige Cassella, Michael Cirilli, Ethan Cohen, Samantha Creamer, Athena Davis, Lia DiPiazza, Brianna Francis, Brianna Jakus, Matthew Lowery, Wesley Ng, Ian Quin, Basit Qurbanzada, Adam Reisfield, Alexa Remia, Zachary Rockefeller, Bridget Scanlon, Thomas Scanlon, Jonathan Scheibenpflug, Shayna Scott, Jeong Seo, Ashley Silecchia, Emily Yankovich, Laura Branna, Kyle Buser, Dale Cheyne, Sophia Colon, Pauline Crepy, William Danz, Kyle DeBel, Amber Finkeldey, John Gaffney, Lina Hyman, Julianne Kadien, Alexandra Kilkenny, Julia Kissel, Jeffrey Lieto, Magennis, Thomas McCormack, Michael McGuirk, Jannica Mendez, Aleasa Molinari, Matthew Myhr, Matthew San Julian, Margaret Schiazza, Evan Shi, Michael Turso, Peyton Wejnert, Min Soo Kang, Scott Balcom, Bridget Beyer, Emily Boylan, Kevin Caroli, Sophie D'Souza, Lauren Gallagher, Yeonsoo Kim, Jack Kuipers, Connor LaSpina, Jeffrey Lieto, Margaret McCarthy, Ryan McKenna, Justin Murad, Kerri-Anne Nicholson, Rosemary Pawloski, Brandon Potenza, Nicholas Proscia, Tyler Ramirez, Hayley Rieman, William Romano, Melissa Samanoglu, Nicholas Scavone, Kathleen Smith, Alexander Tekerian, Daniel Tuite, Roberto Paraz, Michael Han, and Issaac Utter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Patrolman Timothy Shoemaker, Lead D.A.R.E. Instructor for the Ramsey Police Department. A thirteen-year veteran of the force, Patrolman Shoemaker was recently honored as the New Jersey D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year. As Patrolman Shoemaker told the Bergen Record, "A policeman needs to be a leader and a role model in the community. I'll protect you from the bad guys. But, also, if you're going through something tough . . . a policeman can be your friend." Patrolman Shoemaker has daily lived up to these words. All who interact with Patrolman Shoemaker—criminals aside—can't help but sing his praises, and today I add my voice to the choir. I commend this humble and dedicated public servant on this well deserved recognition. I know Ramsey students and parents alike would join me in saying that our streets are safer and communities stronger for his presence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed three votes. I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 311, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1736, the International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 312, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1709, the STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 313, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 420, Cele-

brating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE IN REMEMBRANCE OF REVEREND DOCTOR PASTOR LAURENT LOUIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Doctor Pastor Laurent Louis, a man dedicated to serving God, his family and the community.

Pastor Laurent Louis was born on February 12, 1956 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He attended Lycee Petion a school that stressed duty, responsibility and serving others. In June 1978, he graduated high school and studied theology at the International Seminary of California. He is a caring father, loving husband, devoted pastor and a committed community leader.

At the age of 15, Pastor Louis began serving his church and the community with great respect and responsibility. He taught Sunday school and led the youth to a spiritual and disciplined life while devoting time and energy to his community. People in his community elected him to be the General Secretary of the soccer teams of the Croix Des Bouquets. He later became a sports broadcaster and an impartial referee in his sportive career. He knew health and sports can lead to good academics and a successful life.

Pastor Louis came to New York City in January of 1981 and soon fell in love with the Big Apple. He saw the need for his community to organize spiritually, and he immediately joined Emmanuel Baptist Church. It did not take his pastor long to discover Pastor Louis' leadership and appointed him assistant pastor, youth president and leader of the missionary. He accomplished his mission so well that when there was a need for a station church at Coney Island, Pastor Louis was selected to take on the task; within a few months there were 40 members.

Pastor Laurent Louis also founded an academic club to have students help one another. He understood how to bring good people together from the community to help in this endeavor. This club saved many young students and 95 percent succeeded academically. With good will and the help of good people, Pastor Louis was able to accomplish so much for his community.

Pastor Louis has been happily married for 25 years, and enjoyed a successful life with his wife Marie Mireille Louis and their six children. His first daughter Deborah, his sons Nathanael and Benjamin are attending college. His daughters Eltamar and Jessica are in high school and Johanna is in elementary school.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Laurent Louis.

JUSTIN MCAADOW

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Justin McAdow who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Justin McAdow is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Justin McAdow is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Justin McAdow for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

HONORING DUNCAN HALL FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has distinguished himself as an excellent student and leader and has committed to serving his country. I am proud to announce that Duncan Hall from Kennesaw, Georgia has received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

Duncan attends North Cobb High School, where he has a 4.104 Grade Point Average and is the Vice President of the student body. Duncan is the Commanding Officer of the North Cobb and Harrison High School NJROTC Unit and has been the NJROTC Unit Academic Team Commander for the past two years. Duncan also serves as NJROTC Academic Tutor and a Character Education Advisor for Underclassman. He was presented the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal for Outstanding Performance of Duty in the NJROTC program by the Navy League of the United States and was selected as the Atlanta Metropolitan Navy League's 2nd runner up for Cadet of the Year. Duncan has also been recognized with the American Legion's Scholastic Achievement Medal.

In addition to Duncan's focus on academics and military preparation, he has remained very active in extracurricular activities, lettering on both North Cobb's track and cross country teams. Duncan Hall is an incredibly well-rounded young man, and I am honored to have the privilege to nominate him for an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. I ask that my colleagues take this time to congratulate Duncan as well as his parents, Duncan and Stefani Hall, for his accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like Duncan that America has the finest military in the